

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Fumiyoshi IWASE	
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For: INK JET PRINTER

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of October 19, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, which includes claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 10, for further examination on the merits in the present application.

MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area, thus would not constitute a "serious burden."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction, and request that each of the pending claims be examined on the merits in the present application. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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